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SUMMARY: PRESS HEADLINES SHAH'S ARRIVAL; SUPPORT FOR
SADAT'S PEACE EFFORTS. VISITORS CONTINUE DESCEND ON
ASWAN. MILITARY SUBCOMMITTEE TO MEET JANUARY 11;
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COMPOSITION EGYPTIAN DELEGATION LISTED. EGYPTIAN SIDE
FOR POLITICAL SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO GIVEN BY PRESS, ALONG
WITH TRAVEL PLANS AND EGYPT'S PROPOSED AGENDA. ARAB
SOLIDARITY AND PLO OPTING OUT OF PEACE PROCESS TOP
EDITORIALS. END SUMMARY.

1. SHAH. PRESS HEADLINED SHAH'S ARRIVAL IN ASWAN

PREVIOUS DAY, DURING WHICH HE DECLARED SUPPORT FOR SADAT'S PEACE EFFORTS. SHAH AND SADAT HELD TWO CLOSED MEETINGS. SHAH DEPARTS ASWAN 9:30 A.M. JAN 10 EN ROUTE TO SAUDI ARABIA AFTER HOLDING JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. MORE VISITORS. SPEAKER OF ITALIAN SENATE FANFANI WILL BE RECEIVED BY SADAT LATER TODAY. FANFANI DESCRIBED EGYPTIAN PEACE INITIATIVES AS EXTREMELY POSITIVE AND SUPPORTED BY ITALIAN PARLIAMENT. BRITISH PM CALLAGHAN DUE ARRIVE IN ASWAN FOR FIVE HOUR STOP ON JAN 13. MRS. CEAUSESCU, ROMANIAN PRESIDENT'S WIFE, ALSO IN TOWN FOR SHORT STAY.

3. MILITARY SUBCOMMITTEE. ISRAELI DELEGATION DUE ARRIVE CAIRO TOMORROW MORNING, MILITARY SUBCOMMITTEE SCHEDULED BEGIN DELIBERATIONS SAME EVENING IN SUBURBAN HELIOPOLIS TAHRA PALACE. PM SALIM SAID FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL BE EGYPT'S DEMAND THAT ISRAEL PAY 2.1 BILLION DOLLARS COMPENSATION FOR USE OF SINAI OIL FIELDS AND OTHER (UNIDENTIFIED) CLAIMS. EGYPTIAN SIDE, ACCORDING MENA, HEADED BY GENERAL GAMASY, WILL INCLUDE ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GEN. FAHMY, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS MAJ. GEN. AL-GURAYDI, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF MAJ. GEN. SHAWKAT, NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL SECRETARY MAJ. GEN. MAGDUB AND DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL DEPARTMENT AL-ARABI. ACCORDING PRESS, MEETINGS UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL ADDRESS STAGES OF WITHDRAWAL, SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, AND SETTLEMENTS. (MORE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE SETTLEMENTS ISSUE, WHICH DOMINATED JAN 10 PRESS, REPORTED SEPTEL.)

4. POLITICAL SUBCOMMITTEE. EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO POLITICAL SUBCOMMITTEE WILL LEAVE ON JAN 15 (ADVANCE PARTY LEAVING TODAY). DELEGATION, ACCORDING MENA, HEADED BY FONMIN KAMEL, REPORTEDLY WILL INCLUDE MINSTATE BUTROS BUTROS GHALI AND UN PERMREP ABDEL MEGUID PLUS EXPERTS. ACCORDING OFFICIAL SOURCES, EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO INSIST DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES FOR COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT INCLUDE: WITHDRAWAL, PALESTINIAN RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, AND ESTABLISHMENT NORMAL RELATIONS. SOURCE NOTED THAT, WHILE WITHDRAWAL ISSUE WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED BY MILITARY SUBCOMMITTEE, JERUSALEM SUBCOMMITTEE WILL ADDRESS POLITICAL ASPECTS OF "FULL WITHDRAWAL". PRESS REPORTS SECRETARY VANCE WILL ATTEND JERUSALEM MEETINGS FROM JAN 16 TO 18, LEAVING ASST. SEC. ATHERTON TO HEAD U.S. DELEGATION THEREAFTER. EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS (NUMBER UNSPECIFIED) SCHEDULED DEPART FOR JERUSALEM JAN 13.

5. EDITORIALS. MOST EDITORIAL COMMENTARY JAN 10 FOCUSED ON SETTLEMENTS ISSUE (SEPTTEL). AKHBAR, HOWEVER, ADDRESSED QUESTION OF ARAB SOLIDARITY--OPINING DIFFERENCES IN ARAB WORLD "NATURAL PHENOMENON." NEVERTHELESS, EGYPT REMAINS "IMPREGNABLE FORTRESS OF ARAB SOLIDARITY" AND ALL EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE SOLIDARITY DOOMED TO FAILURE. SADAT LAUNCHED INITIATIVE KNOWING IT WOULD BE OPPOSED BY INTELLECTUALS "LIVING FOR 30 YEARS ON FUTILE SLOGANS."

6. IHSAN BARR, WRITING IN AHARAM, SAYS NEXT FEW WEEKS MAY SEAL FATE OF PLO. IN ABSENCE POSITIVE STAND AND NEW PALESTINIAN INITIATIVE TOWARDS PEACE, ORGANIZATION

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WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. SHOULD THIS TRANSPIRE, RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISOLATION WILL FALL SQUARELY ON SHOULDERS OF PLO. EILTS

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